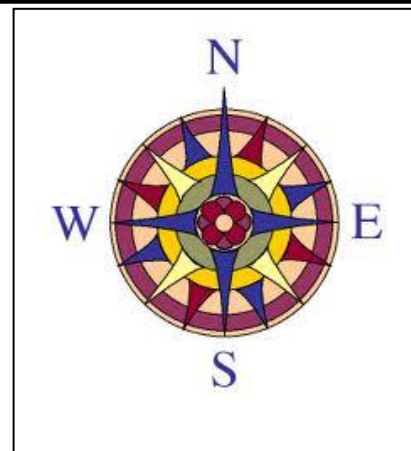




Site 09: North Forty Trailhead

N 40° 35' 53.54"

W 73° 53' 40.56"



This section of Floyd Bennett Field, north of the Runway you are standing on is known as the North Forty Natural Area. The North Forty is a haven for wildlife and birdwatchers alike, more than 180 bird species have been recorded. The North Forty mixed woodlands include conifers, deciduous trees, vines, grass species and open space. New forest of aspen, black cherry and grey birch are interspersed with native shrubs like bayberry, blackberry and sumacs. Grassy areas are populated by native species like little blue stem and invaded by a reed known as phragmites. The Return-A-Gift Pond, fed by groundwater is laced with ferns and sedges. The North Forty's variety of plant and tree species provides a diversity of habitat and food sources for migrating and resident wildlife. Today you will find animal species that range from box turtles and black racer snakes to spring peeper frogs, raccoons and muskrat.

Visit Instructions: Take a look at the wayside, and note three species of plants and/or animals highlighted.